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1. The largest number of Turki refugees are in Mecca, where they number about 30,000 and in Turkey. Before World War II, the Turki Refugee Society (TRS) published periodicals in Paris and Ankara, but today the strength of the TRS is slowly dying, as individuals accept the permanence of their exile.
2. Before Partition the TRS in Delhi had authority over all Indian branches of the organization and published a small journal of its own. Its authority had become almost non-existent by 1947, and perished with Partition.
3. The Karachi chapter of the TRS is probably the largest outside of Mecca and Turkey. Its membership fluctuates around 300, but will probably grow smaller, since few new refugees arrive and some of the older ones are gradually moving to Mecca and Turkey. The only functions of the Karachi chapter at present are to take care of unemployed members and to furnish a headquarters for itinerant Turks.
4. President of the Karachi chapter is Azem Hasim Khan. He is not a strong leader and the funds of the society have dwindled during his administration, which has caused dissatisfaction among the members.

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